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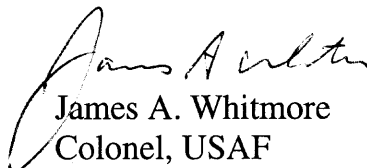
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SUBJECT: Secretary of Defense Comments on Classified Information

Request widest dissemination of attached comments by Secretary Rumsfeld.


James A. Whitmore
Colonel, USAF
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated



Rumsfeld warns against leaks

[12 SEP 01 Press Briefing]

Mr. Rumsfeld:

And it seems to me that it's important to underline that when people deal with intelligence information and make it available to people who are not cleared for that classified information, the effect is to reduce the chances that the United States government has to track down and deal with the people who have perpetrated the attacks on the United States and killed so many Americans.

Second, when classified information dealing with operations is provided to people who are not cleared for that classified information, the inevitable effect is that the lives of men and women in uniform are put at risk.

This notice is posted in several locations around the rooms of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the Capitol.